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OLD 'WIN-OR-DIE' ZIP FELT IN AIR AS VETS PREPARE FOR BATTLE

Sam McBirney Cracks the Whip for Kendall Squad Preparing to Defend Honor Against All Stars Monday—Same Old Spirit Prevades Team—Hill, Haskell, McKinley and Others of All Stars Reach Scene.

Throw Father Time's filly in reverse, make sure the road is clear behind and then shoot back three or four years—and you'll be in line for some honest-to-goodness football thrills.

There's a mighty few of us who can't work up a few thrills over football. In fact, we simply can't keep the thrills away. They just come crashing up at the back whether we will or not.

To naively kick the end and sidestep any further introduction or preparation—the thrills are on us. We had at McMillin's yesterday afternoon. Those who were there will testify to the absolute veracity of this statement. It was mighty easy for them to imagine that on the day when the All-Stars met at the old Kendall campus and that the time was, well, say in the fall of '16 or '17.

They saw the veteran, Sam McBirney, father of football at Kendall, putting that wonderful Kendall team of 1916-17 through its paces—his voice with the same old whip-lash cut in it, and with the same old execution of play tumbling one upon another as the voice demanded.

Time's Ravages Repulsed.

Time seems to have cut but little into the dash and zip of those old stars—Ivan (the Great) Grove, John Young, the diminutive Virgil Jones, the devastating Ben Springer, and others. Grove, who has been coaching the football team at Kendall, and playing with his team in all practicing looks just as good as ever in his life; John Young probably hasn't been out of a walk in two years; and the starting of practice for next Monday's game with the All-Stars, but his indomitable spirit keeps him going at full speed; Jones doesn't seem to have added a day's hair, and Springer, who was the head coach of the Kendallites to "show 'em something they're not looking for."

It is certainly an easy job to grow enthused over the story of the old stars, after watching the boys range up and down a gridiron again. Even Sam McBirney waxed enthusiastic—and you know what it takes to make Sam wax when he's out there booming the job.

A Battle for Blood.

Monday's battle between Kendall's veterans and the All-Stars, as we have heard, will be for blood. You can't get around that. Those old Kendall warriors never yet have tasted the bitterness of defeat, and to prevent such a "catastrophe" now, they'll fight with their last ounce of strength.

The writer was chatting with Ivan Grove a short time after yesterday afternoon's practice, and he was talking on edge, anxious to win and all that. Just talk to Ivan. He was never more on his toes in his life on the eve of a game.

"You know," said Ivan, in a confidential tone, "it was something he had thought over quite a bit and just had to get off his chest. 'I think it would be simply a hell of a fight. We just couldn't let it go.'"

Wallace and Blevins coming.

Ivan was elated at the way the boys showed in practice. He knew that Virgil Jones and two or three others had kept in shape—but the showing of the outfit as a whole surprised him.

"Why, Dad Young never showed more than he did today," said Grove, "and John—who hasn't been through a single handout in two years or more—he simply amazed me."

The Kendall veterans' lineup as announced in yesterday's World Telegram, was learned from Art Wallace and "Pony" Blevins, the two tackles, who were the only "doubtful starters" that they would be here this morning.

Sam McBirney will put the Orange and Black outfit through practice again today, the last stern drill before the game. There will be only a very light workout Sunday afternoon.

The All-Stars All Here.

McMahon's All-Stars came drifting in yesterday, and last night they were all on deck, the line as at the game, and the backfield as at the game. McMahon, by the way, is being completely. One man not formerly mentioned, "Dutch" Strauss, a Missouri star, has been added to the roster and will be in the game.

McMahon is drilling his charges almost incessantly. Open practice ruled at Lee stadium again yesterday afternoon, and the squad went through plays with amazing smoothness considering the fact that they

never worked together before.

Today there will be signal practice for the All-Stars at the stadium both morning and afternoon, in secret.

Members of the All-Star outfit arriving yesterday included "Little Tubby" Tyler, who played at Oklahoma University this year, the man rated to fill the fourth left end, "Jap" Haskell, Oklahoma U. captain this year, who'll play the other end, "Dutch" Hill, the slashing All-Missouri Valley halfback, another Oklahoma product and member of the 1921 team, "Big Bill" McKinley, a fourth star from O. U., a mountain-side guard who last year not only made the All-Missouri Valley team, but also was named to the All-American, Elmhurst, former Carleton star, and Dave Gray, Montana, a 225-pound guard.

McMahon said he had definitely decided to let Brownman, Tulsa high coach and a former Illinois U. end, serve as quarterback for the All-Stars. Brownman's running of the team in practice has been highly satisfactory. His other backfield men will be Bill, Harry Brian and either Hutteman or Webb Ray.

With his team assembled and having been seen in action, McMahon grows more and more hopeful of his chances to open precedent and take the measure of Kendall.

Interest in the game appears to be growing fast. There have been many requests for reservations, and the outlook now is that only adverse weather can prevent the game from being a great success from an attendance standpoint.

CLOSE FINISHES AGAIN THE RULE AT HOUND RACES

The Tiger Cops by Nose; Handsome Ray Breezes; Nice Card Today

Dog Men Organize

A move toward putting greyhound racing on a sounder foundation was taken last night when owners and trainers met at the Tulsa hotel and effected a temporary organization of the Southwestern Greyhound association.

L. E. Freeman was elected temporary secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up by-laws and rules to be presented at another meeting Monday night. This committee consisted of John McKinnon, A. N. Hayden, Lou Duffy, Ollie Ostendorf and J. L. Shaughnessy.

Exciting finishes again were the rule rather than the exception at Mid-Continent park yesterday afternoon, one race being decided by a nose, another by a head and still another by a neck.

The Tiger barely managed to shove his nose across the finish line ahead of Flirting Boy in the quarter-mile feature sprint. Flirting Boy's margin over Moonshine Wild Bill was only a head, while Killarney Lad, Duffy's Malt and Warlock 8c, were left quite a distance back.

The other half line margins of victory came in the second and third races. Blue Dick won the second by a head from Doctor Satan after a thrilling sprint drive with three dogs holding stride for stride like a machine. Naomi finished but a neck ahead of Lord Canton in the third, and Cannon was a head in front of Cheerful Moments.

While these three races were being so closely contested the "Marathon" event, the fourth race, at three-eighths mile, turned out to be a walkaway for Pandemonium Ray, Frank Allen's brindle dog having a total of 15 lengths of daylight between him and the second dog, Joe Lay, at the finish. Miss Vindicator was third.

A typically good Saturday card has been arranged by Racing Secretary John Shaughnessy for this afternoon. The fourth race at five-sixteenths will bring together some of the real talent, in Ernest Wild Bill, Higball, Wildest Dillon, Rascal, Crook and Credit Bill. Ernest Wild Bill has been showing improvement every race and is believed to be "ready."

The star spring of today promises to be open in the fifth race, Arasee, Kiowa and Sitting Bull are among those to start. The other races for today are apparently well balanced, but it's a cinch that the results will be more exciting finishes than have been seen the last two days.

W. and J. has found a place where real secret practice may be held. The officers in charge of Arcadia balloon school have offered the use of their athletic field to the team from the end of the season, and the officers of a government military post, prospective spectators will have to get by the sentries on the beat if they can get a look at the athletes.

On the arrival of the Presidents today Coach Neale stated that his men are in great condition. He plans two short workouts for tomorrow and will send them into the fray in practically the same condition as that in which they left the train.

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The team has been working out several hours each day for the past week and according to reports from the coach, are making good progress, especially in goal work. They expect to be in good trim for the first game on Friday, December 6.

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First Lutherans defeated United Presbyterians, 18 to 6, and Grace M. E. won over First Baptists by 24 to 6 in a doubleheader played at the Y. M. C. A. last night in the Sunday School basketball league.

Women Gridiron Stars in Britain Won't Quit Game

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Despite the ban of the football association upon women's football, the women are going ahead with plans for greater participation in the sport than ever before. In the association asking all affiliated clubs to forbid the use of their grounds to women, leading women football players say their own will form league throughout Great Britain. The Women's Football association has been organized to obtain grounds and arrange regulations. Women's clubs have been formed at Liverpool, Doncaster, London, Eastleigh and North Lincolnshire. The women of the association the contention of the association that football is too rough and too masculine for women.

Will These Two Castoff Hurlers Make Pennant Race Easy for Yanks?



Sam Jones, left, and Joe Leslie Bush. Sam Jones was thrown in with Fred Thomas and a wad of cash by Cleveland when they purchased Travis Speaker from the Red Sox five years ago. Joe Leslie Bush was included in a wholesale trade Connie Mack cooked up with the Red Sox in 1917. Now these two castoffs are counted on by the Yankees to give them the pitching strength needed to carry them to another pennant. The Yankee owners obtained them along with Everett Scott the other day, sending Red Peckinpaugh and some kake to Boston for them.

W. & J. STOCK UP, WARNIE SMITH TO BEARS NO CINCH MEET H. THORPE

Presidents Reach Scene of Monday's Game and Are Ready for Fray

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 30.—With the arrival of the Washington and Jefferson football squad here today, the stage is set for the big game between the presidents and the University of California at Tournament park Monday afternoon.

Tournament of Roses officials announced there would undoubtedly be a capacity crowd on hand for the contest. Tournament park seats 42,000 people and practically every seat has been sold.

The arrival of the Presidents caused their stock to soar. The team has been highly touted by eastern football experts and California has also come to recognize them as dangerous foes. While California is a strong favorite to win, bets on the probable score are scarce and it seems to be the prevailing opinion that W. & J. will prove a tougher opponent than did Ohio State a year ago.

The fact that Tournament park gridiron is very soft has proved a handicap to training plans. California, however, has been able to practice on the Pasadena and Midway country clubs and the Pasadena high school field has also been offered the contending teams.

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'1922 INAUGURAL' FISTIC PROGRAM NOW COMPLETE

Castleberry Signed to Go On With Warnie; Palmer Hard at Work

The "1922 inauguration card" of the Oil City Athletic club, to be presented at Convention hall next Wednesday night, was completed yesterday with the signing of Owen Castleberry, "opposite of the Tulsa fire department," as an opponent for Warnie Smith, Bartlesville welterweight, in the 10-round semi-wind-up.

Here in the card as finally announced:

Main event—Kid Palmer of Tulsa vs. Jeff Smith of Bayonne, N. J., middleweights, 15 rounds to a referee's decision.

Semi-wind-up—Warnie Smith of Bartlesville vs. Owen Castleberry of Tulsa, welterweights, 10 rounds.

First event—Jack Hurley of Tulsa vs. Mickey Farris of Springfield, Mo., lightweights, 10 rounds.

In meeting Jeff Smith, a boxer of international repute who within the last few months has defeated Harry Foley, the Hot Springs light heavyweight, and earned a draw in 15 rounds with Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, Smith is expected here Sunday to finish off his training for the fray.

Ged Gahan, official referee of the Oil City A. C., will officiate as third man in the ring.

The encounter with Owen Castleberry is expected to be a little more than a good workout for the hard-bitten and well-known Warnie Smith. Castleberry was accepted as an opponent for him only when Matchmaker Newman had been unable to land harder opposition.

Jack Hurley's bout with Mickey Farris will mark his first appearance in the ring since his recent defeat to Pewee Martin at Okla. City. Farris has been reinstated, effective January 1, by the boxing club at Oklahoma City, which suspended him when he failed to show against Martin.

Hutchinson said the winner of this encounter then would meet Bobby Corbett about the middle of the month. In case Smith should win the Kansas City boy, the welterweight championship of Oklahoma will be staked in the next bout as Corbett, present claimant, and Smith are both Oklahomans.

Protecting that Corbett's whirlwind attack was so unexpected as to smother him and prevent him figuring a way out during the first two rounds, Johnny Coleman has expressed the belief that he could lick the Akron boy.

SHAWNEE BOXING CLUB IS FORMED

Cotton Broker Heads New Organization; Plan to Build Gym

By Associated Press State Wire.

SHAWNEE, Dec. 30.—The Shawnee Athletic club, the third official athletic club in the state, was launched here today with the election of officers, following the naming of the board of directors last night. Phil Watson, cotton broker, and one of the best known sportsmen in this section of the state, will head the club as president. A. C. Davis, architect, is vice president, Frank P. Beas, sport writer, secretary, and Ross Johnson, banker, treasurer.

The club plans to erect a modern gymnasium home base in the near future. The club will be sponsored by the new club, the rules of the Oklahoma Athletic club and the Oil City Athletic club being followed.

The club has already secured quarters for its basketball work and will place a team in the field this season. Its first boxing card will likely be staged January 16.

'Packey' McFarland Is Free of Booze Charge

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—"Packey" McFarland, former pugilist, who was arrested on the charge of selling beer above the lawful percentage, was freed today by United States Commissioner Mason when it was learned that he was not the president of the Porter Products company, of which his brother Thomas and N. G. Scheidt were arrested on the same charge. Thomas, the president of the company and Scheidt, the secretary were held in \$2,000 bonds.

Scott 'Disappointed' by Move to Yankees

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Everett Scott, the Red Sox shortstop and captain of last year, who goes to New York in the winter recently announced that he would rather be back in Boston helping Hugh Duffy try to get into the first division, than to play on Auburn, Ind., in letters to friends made public today. But he prefers the Yankees to any club except the Bostonians. He said he had made a strike in oil.

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JIM THORPE, WONDER ATHLETE, IS THROUGH AS GRID PERFORMER

No More Touchdowns



Jim Thorpe.

Passing of Indian, Greatest Halfback of All Time Draws Attention and Regret of Sport World

By NORMAN E. BROWN.

Few athletes receive a unanimous vote when fans or experts vote on the "greatest man" in any branch of sport. Jim Thorpe is one of these men who at some time or other have stood out so prominently in their profession that there is no doubt as to their greatness. Consequently the passing of the Indian wonder from athletics draws attention and regret.

Thorpe announced when his professional football team played its final game of the season a short time ago that he had ended his days on the gridiron. And it is a good bet that he will not return to baseball. Time has taken its toll.

Football experts are agreed to a man that Jim Thorpe was the greatest halfback that ever played the game. And this never was intended to belittle the wonderful playing of Ned Mahan, Ted Coy, Willie Heston and other stars.

Thorpe simply lived for football. He was a product of the Carlisle Indian school, which produced Frank Mount Pleasant and other great redman stars. He first attracted attention in 1901 at the age of 16, starting in track and field events and at football. But it was not until several years later that his wonderful playing under Glenn Warner's tutelage won him world-wide fame. Fleet as a deer, brainy in his handling of the ball and his running, superbly built for speed and endurance, and possessing the colorful setting aided by the flowing of Indian blood in his veins, he was the most talked of athlete of his day. For four years at the Carlisle school he played the caliber of football against college teams that caused him to be placed on the all-American teams each year.

In 1913 he added to his fame by going to Stockholm with the American Olympic team and there this really native American startled the athletic world by winning both the pentathlon and decathlon titles. The events in which Thorpe was entered the judges' work consisted mainly in figuring out who finished second, third and fourth.

And then occurred the only blemish in Thorpe's career. The Amateur Athletic Union investigated

charges that Thorpe had performed as a professional. The charges ended in Thorpe returning his Olympic medals. The charges, nevertheless, did not dim the greatness of his prowess as an athlete. He had played baseball during his school days and John McGraw, with an eye to the drawing powers of the great athlete, signed him to play with the Giants.

As a drawing card Thorpe was a success for a while. His general playing, too, was satisfactory. But he could not master big league pitching. Long hours of coaching by McGraw and his lieutenant failed to remedy Thorpe's weakness as a batter against curved-ball pitching. Eventually he was sent to the minors. He has been back and forth several times since, playing with the Reds, Milwaukee and Akron.

Football His Favorite.

Neither track athletics nor baseball could make Thorpe forget his first love, football, however. He was sought by the leading professional teams every fall. For several years he led and was the star of the Canton, Ohio, team, which claimed the world's title repeatedly. Thorpe's ability to maintain his wonderful speed and endurance and ability through years of grueling contests against the picked graduates of American colleges was phenomenal. But age finally told. The past season found him handicapped with injuries—sentencing him to the elusive Thorpe. And his speed was missing.

So it looks like good-bye to the greatest redman that ever wore a spiked shoe.

Still Another Game for 'Bo's Star Gang

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 29.—"Bo" McMillin's Kentucky all stars will play a team of Fort Worth all stars picked by Astynax Douglas, Cincinnati catcher and former T. C. football star, here next Friday afternoon, January 6. It was announced this evening following a conference between McMillin and Douglas. McMillin's team will be made up principally of Centre college ex-stars and stars, while Douglas' team is practically all Texas Christian university stars.

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